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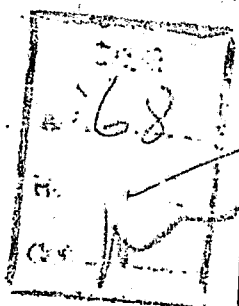
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In discussing forthcoming state visit King Saud to United States with Government officials, press, political leaders, you should stress these points:

1. U.S. has had important economic and political relationships with Saudi Arabia since early 1930s, including petroleum concession, U.S. citizens as advisers Saudi Arabian Government, and rights at Saudi Arabian airfield at Dhahran. Overall relationship of full mutual confidence and respect exists.
2. Although King visited U.S. as Crown Prince in 1947, this is first visit of reigning Saudi monarch to U.S.
3. This is first of series of state visits during 1957 and has been under discussion for several months.
4. Saud holds position of particular importance as Keeper of Holy Places of Islam; during recent ME crisis he had played leading and moderate role.

For Baghdad Pact Posts: While Saud has opposed Baghdad Pact, you may wish emphasize his consistent anti-Communist role, marked by refusal accept assistance from Soviet Bloc.

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